

YEAR 1 AND 2 SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER 2019

Last Term

The children had lots of fun last term learning how to sew to make their own puppets. They also enjoyed learning how to sing. We had a lovely singing coach in- Melanie Pearson, who taught the Year 1 & 2's how to sing correctly, making sure they made the sounds correctly. For more information, have a look at our latest blog on the school website.

Change of Staff

As previously mentioned in the whole school newsletter, Mrs Wilderspin has now started her maternity leave and therefore Miss Marshall-Clarke will teach the Happy Hedgehogs.

Our newest member of staff, Miss Lang will be teaching in Rabbit class every Thursday and Friday. She is very excited about joining our #scargillfamily.

This also means that Miss Marshall-Clarke will no longer be teaching Deer, therefore Mrs Hanson (HLTA) will be teaching Deer all day on Mondays and Tuesday afternoons

Lea Green- Year 2 Residential

Information regarding the Year 2 residential to Lea Green, which takes place Thursday 20th June to Friday 21st June has been shared and the information can be found on our school website.

Miss Marshall- Clarke will be leading the trip and is very excited as it has been a couple of years since she last went and she has fond memories of her last trip there.

Please direct any questions to Miss Marshall-Clarke who will happily answer them.

New Term, New Topic

This term our topic is 'Travel and Transport'. We are really looking forward to our visit to Butterley Railway. Please check out the diary dates to find out when we will be going. Information about this trip will be sent via parent pay. If you would like to help out on the trip, please let Miss Clutterbuck know.



Boxes Wanted!

As part of our topic the children will be making vehicles and therefore will need lots and lots of recycled items. Please start saving the following, then send them in to your child's class:

- Cereal boxes (empty)
- Shoe boxes
- tissue boxes (empty)
- Cotton reels
- Kitchen roll tubes (NOT toilet rolls)
- Wooden pegs
- Newspapers

If you have any pictures of vehicles which you no longer want, please feel free to donate these to Year 1&2 too!

Children's Voices

Here at Scargill we value the views of all our children and work hard to listen to what they have to say. This is done in a variety of ways; through class council which feeds into the school council, through circle time and PSHE lessons and also through pupil voice meetings.

What is a 'pupil voice?' Well it is where a mixed group of children from each of the classes meet with the department lead to discuss life in school. These meetings are held each term and different children are selected each time to ensure a range of children's views are heard. These are recorded and the information shared with the rest of the adults within the department and with our Head of School. Below you can read some of the comments made- it is lovely to hear how the children feel about the school and the ways in which they feel we can continue to improve.

What do you like about school?

- Worship and singing worship
- Maths
- Golden Time
- Science
- Playtime and lunchtime

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

- Maths- fact families
- D & T- making puppets
- Travelling in PE

What can be improved?

- Worship can be a bit long
- Stop children from being noisy when working
- Put equipment out for me to use on the table

What does the Head of School do to improve school?

- She is on the playground at playtimes
- She reads the Scargill Star certificates really well
- She was really kind and helped my friend at the school disco

How do you know what your targets are and when you have achieved them?

- They are in our books on a book mark
- We get three ticks when we have achieved them
- The stampers help to tell us what we need to do

What would you tell a new child about our school?

- It's the best school ever!
- It is interesting here
- If they want to play with me they can
- It's good to be here
- You get to learn lots of stuff!

Following the pupil voice, all staff in KS1 will ensure resources are available for lessons (when appropriate) to help the children to develop their understanding. Worships will be discussed to see how the children can become more involved so that they are not sitting for too long and are actively involved during this time. Thank you Year 1 and 2 for sharing your thoughts and feelings so well. ☺

Phonics Screening Check

Mrs Fildes and Miss Clutterbuck have now completed the first in-house phonics screening check and will be sending out information to parents about how they have got on.

Buried treasure will continue to be sent home to Year 1 children each Friday. Please do keep the previous coins and revisit them as the children have lots of sounds to remember and therefore the more this can be reinforced at home and at school the more chance the children have of remembering and applying their phonic knowledge.

For support in developing phonic knowledge why not visit the following sites:

<https://www.readwithphonics.com>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/the-alphablocks-guide-to-phonics>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/reading-owl/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/phonics-made-easy>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Please note many of the sites mentioned above have items which can be purchased- we are only suggesting using the free resources on these sites.

A little reminder: Please put your child's name on all belongings- including gloves, hats and scarves as children often forget which items belong to them, so labels will really help! Thank you for your support in helping your child to be independent.

Diary Dates

Week	Events
25.2.19	25.2.19 INSET
4.3.19	7.3.19 World Book Day- whole school dress up
11.3.19	11.3.19 Vision Day- wear red or come in a uniform such as cubs/ brownies to show how you belong to different groups within the community
18.3.19	21.3.19 Deer Class worship- Deer parents welcome 9:15am
25.3.19	
1.4.19	
8.4.19	8.4.19 Year 1 Trip to Butterley Railway
	9.4.19 Year 2 Trip to Butterley Railway
	10.4.19 Visit to United All Saints at Stanley Common (morning only- parent helpers needed)